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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: DEBRIEFING OF RELEASED ERITREAN KIDNAP VICTIMS

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1. AS STATED REFTTEL, ITALIAN CONSUL IN ASMARA HAD OPPORTUNITY

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TO DEBRIEF ERITREAN KIDNAP VICTIM FALASCHI WHO WAS HELD FOR THREE
MONTHS BY PLF AND RELEASED IN FEBRUARY. BEYOND WHATEVER
INFORMATION FALASCHI, WHO IS TEACHING AT SECONDARY SCHOOL IN
ROME, MIGHT BE ABLE PROVIDE ON AMERICAN HOSTAGES STILL HELD BY PLF,
HE COULD PROVE INVALUABLE SOURCE ON SURGENT CAPABILITIES AND
INTENTIONS. HE MAY HAVE INSIGHTS INTO PLF ATTITUDES ON EFFICACY
OF KIDNAPPING AS POLITICAL WEAPON AND PARTICULARLY ON THEIR
CURRENT ATTITUDES TOWARD AMERICANS. LIKEWISE,, HE COULD
PROVIDE INFORMATION ON WEAPONRY AND ORDER OF BATTLE ON HIS
CAPTORS.

2. CONGEN MUST ASSUME THAT FORMER AMERICAN HOSTAGES STRICKLAND
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AND BOWIDOWICZ HAVE BEEN DEBRIEFED AND INFORMATION COMPILED AND

DISTRIBUTED. WE HAVE YET TO RECEIVE SUCH INFORMATION. IN ADDITION TO ALL TYPES OF INFORMATION CITED ABOVE, RELEASED HOSTAGES COULD FURNISH INVALUABLE INTELLIGENCE WHICH WOULD ENHANCE THE SECURITY OF THE 57 AMERICANS REMAINING IN ASMARA.

3. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO DEBRIEF FALASCHI IN ROME, AND WHAT DISTRIBUTION HAS BEEN MADE OF STRICKLAND AND

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BOWIDOWICZ DEBRIEFING. NEEDLESS TO SAY, CONGEN EXTREMELY
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